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DETAILED ACTION

It is noted that responses to office actions are to be mailed to the patent office mailing room, not directly to the examiner. It is also noted that any changes to the specification, that are not simply changes in minor informalities and clarifications, will be deemed as new matter, and must be removed.

Response to Amendment

- The reply filed on August 8, 2003, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): changes made to the specification, claims, and/or abstract must be underlined (for any added material), or bracketed (for any removed material). The blue highlights in the response are not proper. New claims must be added *after* any current existing claims. It is not proper to include details about references cited by the examiner, or previous application case history into the specification. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
- 2. Applicant should submit an argument under the heading "Remarks" pointing out disagreements with the examiner's contentions. Applicant must also discuss the references applied against the claims, explaining how the claims avoid the references or distinguish from them.

Conclusion

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3. A review of this reveals that applicant is unfamiliar with patent prosecution procedure.

While an inventor may prosecute the application, lack of skill in this field usually acts as a liability in affording the maximum protection for the invention disclosed. Applicant is advised to secure the services of a registered patent attorney or agent to prosecute the application, since the

value of a patent is largely dependent upon skilled preparation and prosecution. The Office

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel J Petkovsek whose telephone number is (703) 305-6919. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney Bovernick can be reached on (703) 308-4819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 872-9321.

Daniel Petkovsek September 19, 2003

Primary Examinar

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